



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

WHEREAS, there are 30,000 plus reported suicide deaths in this nation every year; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people in Tennessee and the ninth leading cause of death nationally; and

WHEREAS, nationally, an average of one person dies from suicide every 17 minutes representing not only waste of human life but untold suffering for the families and friends of those who die in this tragic way; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this terrible problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the risk for human self-destruction can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Statewide Suicide Network is recognized as providing awareness and prevention of suicide throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Tennessee has appointed a Suicide Prevention Advisory Council (S.P.A.C.) to coordinate funding and implementation of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Strategy,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Sundquist, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2002, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

in Tennessee, and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 28th day of May, 2002.


Governor


Secretary of State